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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Alain LANDROT and Francois DEMILLY  
SAFETY WHEEL, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A WHEEL AND  
BOGIE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A WHEEL  
Assignee: **ALSTOM HOLDINGS and VALDUNES**  
Our Ref: Q78616

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/443,464 (Confirmation No. 7285) filed November 19, 1999 of Alain LANDROT and Francois DEMILLY entitled SAFETY WHEEL, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A WHEEL AND BOGIE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A WHEEL.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed are a specification, including claims 1-7 and an Abstract, 2 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3), and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, together with an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited in parent application No. 09/443,464.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3617.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/443,464, filed November 19, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	98 14 734	November 19, 1998



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The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/443,464.

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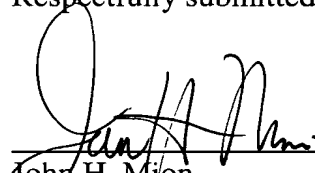
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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